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Vehicle Contacts

By Recruit Pusel

On Monday, the recruits spent most of the day in the classroom learning about vehicle contacts. Sergeant Lind, Mr. Sacia and Mr. Lobe taught the recruits the basics of vehi-



cle contacts, which included Approach and Non-Approach contacts. Each of these contacts has its own set of circumstances to consider when deciding

on the type of approach.

There are four aspects that may be handled differently when making an approach contact versus a non-approach contact. They include the vehicle position, officer position, subject interview, and subject control. The recruits were taught how to approach a vehicle, how to make contact with a driver, and how to end the contact.

On Tuesday, the recruits practiced vehicle contacts outside on the road course. The recruits practiced making contacts with different suspects in a truck, motorcycle, car and



semi-truck. During these contacts, the recruits learned what they were doing well and what they needed to work on. They spent the rest of the day refining their vehicle contact skills.



Agency Spotlight

By Recruit Salbego

The Oshkosh Police Department serves a community of approximately 63,000 residents with 98 sworn officers. Chief David Erickson head the department. Oshkosh is located on the western shores of Lake Winnebago in East-Central Wisconsin and is regarded as one of the safest places to live.

The Oshkosh Po-



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lice Department is a modern and growing department focused on community policing, and is seen as one of the leading law enforcement agencies in Wisconsin. It is Nationally Accredited (CALEA) and State Accredited (WILEAG).

Some of the opportunities in the Oshkosh Police Department include the Crisis Response Team, Canine Unit, DARE & GREAT Programs, Domestic Abuse Investigations, Bike Patrol, Tactical Team and Undercover Drug Investigations. Oshkosh has a five days on/two off, five days on/three off work schedule. A starting officer will generally earn approximately \$38,000 and can move up to almost \$49,000.

Community Oriented Policing

By Recruit Staab

On Thursday, Mr. Theo Darden returned to the Police Corps to discuss problem solving and how getting involved with citizens can help build positive relationships between the police and the community.

On Friday, the class left the State Patrol Academy and headed to the nearby communities of Sparta and LaCrosse. The class first went to Sparta and applied



problem solving techniques from the day before. Along with observing, the recruits talked to local citizens and business owners about their perceptions of the police in their community. The recruits also talked with senior citizens at the local community center. Overall, the citizens of Sparta appreciate their police officers and enjoy their presence and interaction.

The recruits then drove to LaCrosse and stopped at the LaCrosse County Jail, which was built in 1997. On the tour, the recruits

were introduced to some of the newest technology available in the corrections system. After the tour, the recruits drove to a LaCrosse Housing Authority subdivision. The class talked with a representative of the local Boys and Girls Club at a community center in this subdivision. The class found that the club director would appreciate a stronger positive police presence in the area to reinforce positive images of the police to youths.



Mid-Term Physical Training Exam

By Recruit Kraeger

On Wednesday morning, the recruit class participated in the mid-term physical training exam. Police officers require a certain standard of physical fitness in order to safely carry out their duties. The Wisconsin Police Corps mid-term physical standards consist of a one and a half mile run in less

than fourteen minutes and twenty seconds, three hundred meters in less than sixty seconds, thirty-five sit-ups in one minute, thirty-two push-ups, a bench press of eighty-seven percent of a recruit's body weight, and a leg press of eighty-seven percent of a recruit's body weight.

The recruits have worked on their physical conditioning every morning from 5-7am. They all met and surpassed the minimum requirements set for the midterm exam. All of the recruits will have to meet an even higher standard at the end of the program.

Recruit Dillhoff was the class leader in sit-ups, performing seventy-three in one minute. He

also tied Recruit West in the three hundred meter run with a time of forty seconds. Recruit West had the high score for push-ups with one hundred. Recruit Meyer ran the mile and a half in ten minutes



and forty-seven seconds, while Recruit Staab was able to bench press three hundred and sixty-five pounds.

High-Risk Vehicle Contacts

By Recruit Kaufenberg

On Wednesday, during a cold, windy, and snowy day, the class learned how to per-



form high-risk vehicle contacts. Throughout the morning, the class took turns practicing different scenarios in the

rain, which involved the securing of individuals in a vehicle and clearing of the vehicle.

The rain transformed into large flakes of snow about an hour into the afternoon session. While performing the traffic stops, some of the recruits appeared to turn into snowmen due to the large amounts of falling snow. Some of the stops were conducted in Spanish allowing the recruits to practice their knowledge of the language. The recruits even practiced how to perform high-risk contacts after a simulated execution of a Pursuit Intervention Technique (PIT).

The stops became more



fluent as the recruits gained confidence in their abilities. By the end of the day, the recruits had grasped the idea of how high-risk vehicle contacts work. The whole day was an enlightening experience and gave the recruits excellent working knowledge on how high-risk stops are performed.



Picture Of The Week

Photograph by Recruit Glejf

Recruit McNally provides his role as a cover officer even under the harshest conditions.

